



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

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June 30, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL

Joan Copel (305-594-2118)
BP Electronics

Re: FOIA Request S9060152: Electronic Resources Limited Power Strips / CPSC Compliance
File FW980006

Dear Ms. Copel:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Commission. . The records from the Commission files responsive to your request have been processed and copies are enclosed. The enclosed records include file information generated by the Commission itself or its contractors for regulatory or enforcement purposes. These records are in file FW980006 and are identified as memoranda and other correspondence, notes and documents. The Commission has established management systems under which supervisors are responsible for reviewing the work of their employees or contractors. The file information materials are final and have been prepared and accepted by the Commission's staff under such review systems. The Commission believes that it has taken reasonable steps to assure the accuracy of the information. Please note that the Commission's staff, not the Commissioners themselves, made the preliminary determination that this product presented a substantial risk of injury to the public as defined by the Consumer Product Safety Act.

We must withhold other records responsive to your request, specifically, the preliminary determination form, from the Commission's Office of Compliance's active law enforcement investigatory file designated FW980006, pursuant to the Exemptions 5 and 7(E) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5) and (b)(7)(E). Exemption 5 provides for the withholding from disclosure of inter-agency and intra-agency memoranda which would not be available by law to a party in litigation with the agency. FOIA Exemption 7(E) provides for the withholding from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the


production of such law enforcement records or information would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law.

The records being withheld consist of an internal memoranda containing recommendations, opinions, suggestions and analyses of the Commission's technical and legal staffs. The records constitute both predecisional and deliberative discussion that clearly falls within the attorney-client and attorney-work product privileges. Any factual materials in the records not covered by some other exemption are inextricably intertwined with exempt materials or the disclosure of the factual materials would itself expose the deliberative process. We have determined that the disclosure of these certain law enforcement investigatory records responsive to your request would be contrary to the public interest. It would not be in the public interest to disclose these materials because disclosure would (1) impair the frank exchange of views necessary with respect to such matters, and (2) reveal the techniques, guidelines and strategies utilized by the investigative and legal staff in developing the information regarding this investigation and other on-going investigations, which if disclosed would significantly risk circumvention of the statutes and regulations that the Commission administers.

According to the Commission's regulations implementing the FOIA at 16 C.F.R. § 1015.7, a denial of access to records may be appealed to the General Counsel of the Commission within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter. An appeal must be in writing and addressed to: FOIA APPEAL, General Counsel, ATTN: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

Processing this request, performing the file searches and reviewing the information, cost the Commission \$100.00. In this instance, we have decided to waive all of the charges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd A. Stevenson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Todd A. Stevenson

Enclosures



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Jeffrey Bromme
General Counsel

Office of the General Counsel

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May 25, 1999

Peter A. Lynch, Esq.
Cozen & O'Connor
501 West Broadway
Suite 1610
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: FOIA Appeal S9010094

Electronic Resources Limited Power Strips Corrective Action/Recall File

Dear Mr. Lynch:

By letter dated May 3, 1999, you appealed the decision of the Commission's Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer to withhold information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Under authority delegated to me by the Commission, 16 C.F.R. § 1015.7, I have reviewed your appeal. As explained below, I affirm the FOI Officer's decision to withhold the preliminary determination memorandum pursuant to FOIA Exemptions 5 and 7(E). 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(5), and (b)(7)(E).

FOIA Exemption 5 provides for the withholding of certain inter-agency and intra-agency documents and incorporates the deliberative process privilege. This privilege protects advice, recommendations, and opinions that are part of the deliberative, consultative, and decision-making processes of the agency. Although this privilege applies only to the opinions or recommendations in a document and not to factual information, facts are withheld here because they are inextricably intertwined with the exempt portions.

FOIA Exemption 7(E) provides for the withholding of investigatory records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions. This exemption also permits withholding of such records if guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions are disclosed, but only if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. The preliminary determination memorandum being withheld meets these criteria.

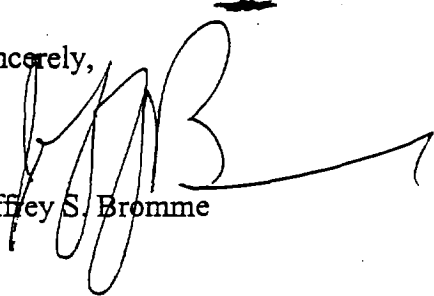
Peter A. Lynch, Esq.
May 25, 1999

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While we have not provided a Vaughn index (and need not provide one at this time), I hope that you understand from the description of the withheld document why it falls within these FOIA exemptions.

You have the right to seek judicial review of this decision as provided by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Bromme



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April 23, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Peter A. Lynch
Cozen and O'Connor
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San Diego, CA 92101

Re: FOIA Request S9010094: Electronic Resources Limited Power Strips / Corrective Action or Recall File FW980006

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You may want to resubmit your request in a few months upon completion of the case. Processing this request, performing the file searches and reviewing the information, cost the Commission \$100.00. In this instance, we have decided to waive all of the charges.

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Todd A. Stevenson

Enclosures

Firm Name: Electronics Resources, Ltd.
File Number: FW98-0006

MFR/PRVLBR NOTIFIED

No Comments made

Comments attached

Excisions/Revisions

Firm has not requested further notice

FILE CLOSING

A. Numbers corrected: 37 units

manufacturer/importer level.....	0
distributor/wholesaler level.....	0
retailer level.....	?
consumer level.....	?

(NOTE: UNITS WERE RECOVERED FROM RETAIL & CONSUMER LEVELS.)

<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Status report evaluated
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Request for close received from firm
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Distribution checks completed
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Retail checks completed
<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Consumer checks completed

B. Distributor/Retailer Effectiveness Checks: 3

	Distributor	Retailer
Effectiveness Inspections Conducted.....	0	3
Telephone Checks Conducted.....	0	0
Firms in Full Compliance.....	0	0
Notified But Not Taking Sufficient Action.....	0	1
Firms Not Notified.....	0	1

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C. Consumer Effectiveness Checks: N/A

Telephone Checks Conducted.....	
Notified and Taking Sufficient Action.....	
Notified But Not Taking Sufficient Action.....	
Not Notified.....	

Decision:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Close file
<input type="checkbox"/> >	Seek further corrective action
<input type="checkbox"/> >	Continue to monitor

Rationale: This CAP was negotiated in early 1998. Signs were posted at least 120 days. A joint CPSC/firm press release was issued. The firm reports that the returns have been voluntarily destroyed. The low number of returns may be explained as follows: The power strips can not be distinguished from other power strips.

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File Number: FW98-0006

As a result consumers could not tell whether their unit is subject to the CAP. Most of the firm's inventory was exported not distributed in this country. The 4 outlet unit had not been distributed by the firm for over 3 years so that the chances any retailer still had inventory was slim. The matter is now ready for closing.

CLOSE APPROVALS:

 11/5/98
Lawrence S. Blend, Senior Compliance Officer, KOWR

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE:

Name

Name

Title/Division

Title/Division

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Author: Larry S. Blend at cp-c-hq1

Date: 11/27/97 1:09 PM

Priority: Normal

Receipt Requested

TO: Pamela C. Major at CPSC-HQ2

CC: Larry G. Cornell at CPSC-WRO

Subject: 98-860-5570/1: Power strips with surge protection

With the receipt of Engineering reports PSA 0078.98 the matter is ready for a pd. The items are imported by Electronic Resources Limited, San Diego, California. Attached are:

Status sheet

PSA for a data search due 1/2/97

PD

Draft Case Opening Letter

Please process the above documents. If a pd conference call is needed please alert Larry Cornell and myself to the date and time.

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Author: Pamela C. Major at CPSC-HQ2
Date: 12/31/97 2:06 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: Larry S. Blend at CPSC-HQ1
CC: Traci J. Williams
Subject: Kick-Off Meeting

Re: Electronic Resources
Power Strips & Surge Protectors

We need to schedule a kick off meeting during the week
of 1/5/98. *RAM.*

PSA on data search not received yet - due 1/2/98
1/7: Pam will re set

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United States
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20207

DATE: 12/01/97

TO : Marc Schoem, Director, Division of Corrective Actions

FROM: WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

SUBJECT: Section 15 Field Investigation Status

File Number: Date Opened: 11/27/97

Field Contact: Lawrence S. Blend

Company Name: Electronic Resources Limited

Street: 8685 Miralani Drive

City: San Diego, Ca. Zip Code 92126

Company Contact: Bernado Shteremberg, President

Phone: 619-578-3200 (voice)

Type: Mfg:___ Dist. ___ Retail ___ Prv. Labeler ___ Importer X

NEISS PRODUCT CODE: 0621

Product Description: 4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection

Model: 4 outlet is model PW-102; 6 outlet is model PW-101

Potential Hazard: Per PSA 0078.98 both sizes present Electric shock and fire hazards.

Potential Defect: See Engineering report PSA 0078.98.

How Discovered: Import Surveillance

Incident Number: N/A

Sample Number: 98-860-5670/1

Number of Injuries: Unknown

Est. Price: \$1.50 for the 4 outlet (wholesale)
\$1.70 for the 6 outlet (wholesale)

PRIORITY: a b c d (CIRCLE ONE)

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REGIONAL CENTER PLANS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Potential Timeliness: YES _____ NO X (CHECK ONE)

TIMETABLE

/ /97 Kick-Off Meeting; 11/26/97 Engineering results

Along with this document we are attaching a data search request, a pd and a draft case opening letter. The firm reports the sampled lots are intended for export only but that the two items have been previously imported and distributed in this country.

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RECALL EFFECTIVENESS CHECK -- SUMMARY

1. TO: ATTN: Recall Coordinator FOWR		2. Assignment # 980706WRC8647 Sample# 98-860-5670	
		3. MMS: 32100	
4. FROM: Ralph Morgan INVESTIGATOR		5. HOURS EXPENDED FOWR-HOU OFFICE	
6. TYPE OF FOLLOW-UP: ON-SITE TELEPHONE		7. DATE INSPECTED:	
8. FIRM INSPECTED: Name: AL Electronics Address: City/State/Zip: Houston, TX		9. FIRM INITIATING THE RECALL: Name: Electronic Resources Limited Address: 8685 Miralani Drive City/State/Zip: San Diego, CA 92126	
10. PRODUCT RECALLED: Power Strips 6&4 outlets		11. HAZARD: Shock	
12. TYPE OF CONSIGNEE: Wholesaler Retailer Consumer OtherSpecify			
13. PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED: Name & Title: Name & Title:			
14. WAS FIRM NOTIFIED OF RECALL? No Yes METHOD & DATE OF NOTIFICATION: RECALL NOTIFICATION PRESENTED TO INVESTIGATOR? No Yes(Notice Date):			
15. DID FIRM FOLLOW RECALL INSTRUCTIONS? N/A No Yes WAS PRODUCT TAKEN OFF SALE? No Yes Date:			
16. WAS SUB-RECALL INVOLVED? N/A No Yes (if "Yes" discuss details/mechanism under "REMARKS")			
17. WERE RECALL/REPURCHASE OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN NOTIFICATION SIGNS POSTED? N/A No Yes			
18. INVENTORY OF RECALLED PRODUCT: a. Initial inventory received of the recalled product: b. Inventory at time of notification: c. Inventory at time of inspection: d. Number of returns:			
19. DISPOSITION OF RECALLED PRODUCT: NUMBER OF PRODUCTS DISPOSED:			
20. INJURIES OR COMPLAINTS: N/A None Yes (Report by separate memo)			
21. REMARKS: With the limited name and address of the firm received, I could not locate the firm.			
22. INVESTIGATOR AND DATE: Ralph E. Morgan, Sr. Inv. 10/13/98			
23. ENDORSEMENT: Firm could not be located. FOWR Compliance did not have any other information to assist in locating firm.			
SUPERVISOR AND DATE: [Sidney C. Englander, 10/15/98] [/ /]			

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R. ... EFFECTIVENESS CHECK - SUM.

1. TO: <u>POWER-DATA</u> ATTN: Recall Coordinator <u>LARRY BLEND</u>		2. RN/ID # <u>FW98-0006</u> STI # _____	
4. FROM: <u>LEO D. VIRATA</u> INVESTIGATOR <u>BHFTI</u> OFFICE		3. MIS: <u>32100</u>	
6. TYPE OF FOLLOW-UP: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON-SITE <input type="checkbox"/> TELEPHONE		5. HOURS EXPENDED <u>1.0</u> TRAVEL <u>2.0</u>	
8. FIRM Name <u>IMAGE HOSPITALITY</u> INSPECTED: Address <u>9235 ACTIVITY ROAD</u> <u>SUITE (101)</u> <u>SAN DIEGO, CA. 92126</u>		9. FIRM Name <u>ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LTD.</u> INITIATING Address <u>8685 MIRALANI DRIVE</u> THE RECALL: <u>SAN DIEGO, CA. 92126</u>	
10. PRODUCT RECALLED: <u>POWER STRIP</u>		11. HAZARD: <u>FIRE AND ELECTRIC SHOCK</u> <u>HAZARDS</u>	
12. TYPE OF CONSIGNEE: <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retailer <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
13. PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED: Name & Title <u>TDM COSTELLO (CO-OWNER)</u> Name & Title _____			
14. WAS FIRM NOTIFIED OF RECALL? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes METHOD & DATE OF NOTIFICATION <u>LETTER</u> RECALL NOTIFICATION PRESENTED TO INVESTIGATOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Notice date) _____			
15. DID FIRM FOLLOW RECALL INSTRUCTIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Date <u>CAN'T REMEMBER</u> WAS PRODUCT TAKEN OFF SALE? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes			
16. WAS SUB-RECALL INVOLVED? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes" discuss details/mechanism under "REMARKS")			
17. WERE RECALL/REPURCHASE OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN NOTIFICATION SIGNS POSTED? <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ^①			
18. INVENTORY OF RECALLED PRODUCT: a. Initial inventory received of the recalled product <u>NOT KNOWN</u> b. Inventory at time of notification <u>NOT KNOWN</u> c. Inventory at time of inspection <u>2 * ②</u> d. Number of returns <u>APPROXIMATELY 15 POWER STRIPS</u>			
19. DISPOSITION OF RECALLED PRODUCT: <u>SENT BACK TO ELECTRONICS RESOURCES LTD</u> NUMBER OF PRODUCTS DISPOSED: <u>0</u>			
20. INJURIES OR COMPLAINTS: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Report by separate memo)			
21. REMARKS: <u>① I WAS TOLD IT WAS POSTED. AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION, POSTER WAS NOT POSTED. THERE WERE STRIPS OF TAPE ON THE DOOR INDICATING SOMETHING WAS POSTED AT ONE TIME.</u> <u>② 2 POWER STRIPS WILL BE THROWN AWAY.</u>			
22. <u>LEO D. VIRATA (VIRATA)</u> INVESTIGATOR AND DATE <u>8/11/98</u>			
23. ENDORSEMENT: <u>Notified</u> <u>VI</u> <u>11</u> <u>21-792</u> SUPERVISOR AND DATE			

NOTICE OF INSPECTION

1. DATE 8/11/98	2. FROM (Area Office and Address) DOA/BHFTI) 3485 ORANGE GROVE AVE NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA. 95660
2. TIME 1:35 A.M. P.M.	
A. NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TOM CASTELLO (CO-OWNER)	
B. FIRM NAME IMAGE HOSPITALITY	
4. TO	C. NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS 9835 ACTIVITY ROAD (SUITE 101)
D. CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE SAN DIEGO, CA 92126	

Notice of Inspection is hereby given pursuant to:

- Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*);
- Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*);
- Sections 16, 19 and 27 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2065, 2068 and 2076)
- Section 704(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(a)) [Authority for inspections in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 *et seq.*)] and/or
- Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act as Amended (15 U.S.C. 1270(b)).

Refer to the back of this form for a discussion of inspectional authority and for pertinent statutory language.

5. PURPOSES OF INSPECTION AND NATURE OF INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED AND/OR COPIED.

The purpose of this inspection is to obtain information; to review and obtain copies of items including but not limited to records, reports, books, documents; and labeling; and to obtain samples, in order to enforce or determine compliance with the Acts administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

6. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Those from whom information is requested should state whether any of the information submitted is believed to contain or relate to a trade secret or other matter which should be considered by the Commission to be confidential and whether any of the information is believed to be entitled to exemption from disclosure by the Commission under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (15 U.S.C. 552). Any statement asserting this claim of confidentiality must be in writing, and any request for exemption of the information from disclosure must be made in accordance with the Commission's Freedom of Information Act regulations. 16 CFR Part 1015.

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RECALL EFFECTIVENESS CHECK -- SUMMARY

1. TO: ATTN: Recall Coordinator Larry Blend, FOWR		2. CAP # FW98-0006; Assignment# 980706WRC8645	
		3. MIS: 32100	
4. FROM: Zannie E. Weaver, FOWR/PHX Arizona INVESTIGATOR OFFICE		5. HOURS EXPENDED [1 hr.] TRAVEL [4 hrs.+]	
6. TYPE OF FOLLOW-UP: [xx] ON-SITE [] TELEPHONE		7. DATE INSPECTED: 7-23-98	
8. FIRM INSPECTED: 520/ 498-0677 Name: Beaver's Band Box Address: 7918 Oracle Blvd. City/State/Zip: Tucson, AZ 8570485035		9. FIRM INITIATING THE RECALL: Name: Electronics Resources Limited Address: 8685 Miraloni Drive City/State/Zip: San Diego, CA 92126	
10. PRODUCT RECALLED: power strip surge protector		11. HAZARD: Fire & electric shock hazards.	
12. TYPE OF CONSIGNEE: [] Wholesaler [xx] Retailer [] Consumer [] Other (Specify)			
13. PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED: Name & Title: Mr. Darren Dille - Store Manager Name & Title:			
14. WAS FIRM NOTIFIED OF RECALL? [xx] No [] Yes METHOD & DATE OF NOTIFICATION: RECALL NOTIFICATION PRESENTED TO INVESTIGATOR? [] No [] Yes (Notice Date): N/A			
15. DID FIRM FOLLOW RECALL INSTRUCTIONS? [xx] N/A [] No [] Yes N/A WAS PRODUCT TAKEN OFF SALE? [] No [] Yes Date: N/A			
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19. DISPOSITION OF RECALLED PRODUCT: N/A			
20. INJURIES OR COMPLAINTS: [xx] N/A [] None [] Yes (Report by separate memo)			
21. REMARKS: Mr. Dille stated that his store does not sell surge protectors or power strips. They sell sheet music, guitar strings, keyboards & other music products. During last Christmas they bought microphones & electric adapters for keyboards from Electronics Resources but not the items being recalled. He does not remember receiving a recall letter/ poster but indicated that they could have arrived & been discarded by a sales person. He called & spoke with Mgr. Bob Goldstone at their 2nd store (4540 E. Broadway, Tucson) who told him that his store did not order this product. I did not find any surge protectors or power strips being offered for sale in this firm nor were any recall posters on the wall. Copies of the Notice of Inspection & Assignment Documents are attached.			
22. INVESTIGATOR AND DATE: Zannie E. Weaver, 7-23-98			
23. ENDORSEMENT: Inspection revealed that Beaver's Band Box never sold the product being recalled. SUPERVISOR AND DATE: Keven Barton, 7-24-98			

United States
Consumer Product Safety
Government
MEMORANDUM

Commission
Western Region

DATE: May 18, 1998

FROM: ~~Lawrence S. Blend~~
Compliance Officer
Western Region

SUBJECT: CAP Number FW98-0006

TO: Marc Schoem
All Regional Centers
MASC

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

RECALLING FIRM:
Electronic Resources Limited
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92126
619-578-3200

INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF CAP
and
REQUEST OF EFFECTIVENESS CHECKS

1. Reason for Recall

The item presents fire and electric shock hazards

2. Type of Program

This is a voluntary CAP to the consumer level made at the request of CPSC staff.

3. Identifying Product Data

DISTRIBUTION:

Orig: Establishment file
cc: Marc Schoem
Larry Cornell
Richard Swackhammer
Bruce Schwartz
Eric Ault
Bob Okarski
Keven Barton
Larry Blend

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The item is a power strip surge protector. It comes in two models PW-101 (6 outlets and PW-102 (4 outlets). There is no labeling on the item but it is made of a light tan metal with black outlets and power cord. The cord is six feet long. The item was sold in green cardboard retail packages labeled in part, "ER***POWER STRIP***MODEL***HECHO EN CHINA." A picture of the power strip appears on the package.

4. Corrective Action Plan

Beginning the week of May 18, 1998 the firm sent each of its consignees a notice of recall and a point of purchase poster to display until 9/30/98. Consignees are being requested to return any inventory plus consumer returns for a full credit plus shipping. Consumers are asked to stop using the item immediately and return it to the store where purchased or the recalling firm for a full refund.

A joint CPSC/firm press release is being negotiated.

5. Injuries, Deaths, Safety Related Complaints, Legal Actions Against Firm

None known.

6. Number of Products Involved

About 5,000 units were distributed in this country. Most units of the item imported were exported.

7. Dates of Production & Why Limited to This Period

The item was imported and distributed between May, 1993 and March, 1998. The firm reports that until just recently the 4 outlet model has not been imported or distributed in this country the last three years or so.

8. Dates of Distribution

See above.

9. Mode of Distribution Including Number & Types of Consignees

The consignees consisted of 50 mostly small, electronic parts retail stores located in California, Texas, Arizona and Washington.

10. Geographic Distribution

See above.

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11. Estimated Life of Product in Consumer's Hands

Five-years plus

12. When & How Firm Learned of The Problem

CPSC staff Case Opening Letter dated 3/9/98

13. When & How CPSC Learned of The Problem

CPSC examination of samples 98-860-5670/1 which were collected as a f/u to a lead supplied by LA/Long Beach Customs. The sampled lots are under the control of Customs because of non-CPSC related violations.

14. Samples Collected

See above.

15. Firm's Plan for Disposition of Returned Products

Undecided-but any returns will probably be exported, if possible.

16. CPSC Plan for Monitoring

We are asking FOWR to perform on-site REC's after 6/15/98 at the following:

Beavers Band Box, Tucson, Arizona
Sound Solutions, Blaine, Washington
Al Electronics, Houston, Texas
Image Hospitality, San Diego, California

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**DIRECTORATE FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY****DATA REVIEW**

TO: L. Blend, FOWR
FROM: M. Edmonds, EHHA
Ext. 1263

DATE: 1/6/98
DATE DUE: 1/2/98
PRIORITY: b

REQUEST: PSA 0194.98, Electronic Resources Ltd.(Importer)
4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection

HAZARD PATTERN: electric shock & fire hazards

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Product Code(s) 4061, 4062
Text/Other : PW, Safety, Guard, Resource
Time Frame : 850000 - 880100
NFIRS Search Criteria: Eq = 44, 45, 47; Fmht = 20-29, 56-57; Year = 1995

INCIDENTS IDENTIFIED:

Data Base(s)*	# of Incidents See Comments Below	# of Deaths
Accident Investigations	--	--
Reported Incidents	--	--
Death Certificates	--	--
NEISS(actual number)	--	--
NFIRS	--	--
Total	--	--

* Incidents reported in more than one data base are included only once, in the data base listed first. These are reports EPHA was able to identify from the CPSC data files and should not be considered a statistical sample or a complete count of all such incidents that may have occurred.

NOTES/COMMENTS

No reports found

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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY				PSA ACTION (FOR PSA USE ONLY)	
PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSA) TECHNICAL EVALUATION REQUEST				Request number: 0194.98	
Requested by: <u>Lawrence S. Blend</u>	Org. Code: _____	Field Off: <u>FOWR</u>	Date Processed: <u>12/23/97</u>		
Date Submitted: <u>12/01/97</u>	Priority: <u>b</u>	Case #: _____	Date Requested: <u>01/02/98</u>		
			Due Date: <u>01/02/98</u>		
PRODUCT INFORMATION				Assigned to:	
Manufacturer: <u>Electronic Resources Ltd. (Importer)</u>	City: <u>San Diego</u>	State: <u>Ca.</u>	Organization: <u>EP</u>		
Product: <u>4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection</u>	NEISS Code: <u>0621</u>	Technical Off. <u>Edmonds</u>			
Brand name, model, etc.: <u>ER ***MODEL PW-101 (or MODEL PW-102)*** SAFETY GUARD ***KNOW YOUR DEVICE*** CAUTION***</u>				Request Summary:	
Sample number: <u>98-860-5670/1</u>				Data search	
Sample Disposition: <u>Return to Requestor</u> <u>Store at Whse</u> <u>Other:</u>					
DI Number: <u>N/A</u>					
EVALUATION REQUESTED: Please do a data search for injuries/incidents.					
EPI ASSESSMENT: Dates: From: <u>1/1/95</u> To: <u>12/1/97</u> Sort by Mfg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Comments: Engineering has declared the items to present electric shock & fire hazards (PSA 0078.98).	
<input type="checkbox"/> IDI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEISS Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEISS Estimates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deaths <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NFIRS					
Hazard: <u>Electric Shock & fire hazards</u>				Hazard Code: <u>32650</u>	
Requested Completion Date: <u>1/2/98</u>					
Locations of: Samples: <u>CCA (Pam Major)</u>				Files: <u>Larry Blend/Pam Major</u>	
(Rev 8/97jb/ee)					

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*****FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY*****				PSA ACTION (FOR PSA USE ONLY)	
PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSA) TECHNICAL EVALUATION REQUEST				Request number: _____	
Requested by: Lawrence S. Blend		Org. Code: _____		Date Processed: _____	
Date Submitted: 12/01/97		Priority: b		Date Requested: _____	
		Field Off: FOWR		Due Date: _____	
		Case #: _____			
PRODUCT INFORMATION					
Manufacturer: Electronic Resources Ltd. (Importer)		City: San Diego		State: Ca.	
Product: 4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection		NEISS Code: 0621		Assigned to: _____	
Brand name, model, etc. "ER***MODEL PW-101 (or MODEL PW-102)***SAFETY GUARD***KNOW YOUR DEVICE***CAUTION****"		Organization: _____			
Sample number: 98-860-5670/1		Technical Off. _____			
Sample Disposition _____		Request Summary: _____			
Return to Requestor _____					
Store at Whse _____					
Other: _____					
IDI Number: N/A					
EVALUATION REQUESTED: Please do a data search for injuries/incidents.					
EPI ASSESSMENT: Dates: From: _____ To: _____ Sort by Mfg. Yes _____ No _____					
IDI _____		NEISS Comments _____		Deaths _____ NFIRS _____	
Hazard: Electric Shock & fire hazards		NEISS Estimates _____		Hazard Code: 32650	
Requested Completion Date: _____					
Locations of: Samples: CCA (Pam Major)		Files: Larry Blend/Pam Major			
(Rev 8/97) b/c					

4) = P-7

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**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT**

1. Sample Flag PRIORITY IMPORT SAMPLE		2. Date Collected 10/20/97	3. Sample Type and Number: 98-860-5670 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical <input type="radio"/> Documentary	
4a. Product Name POWER STRIP		4b Model PW-101	4c NEISS 0621	5. Assignment Number
6. Complete for Import Samples Port of Entry: <u>LA/LB</u> Country of Origin: <u>CHINA</u> Entry No. and Date: <u>WCJ-0219986-4</u> <u>10/3/97</u> Customs Contact: <u>R. COSTELLO AT PRICE</u>			7. MIS 32100	8. Hours Activity <u>3</u> Travel <u>1</u>
			9a Home RO FOWR	9b Collecting RO FOWR
10. Sample Cost \$0.00		11. Invoice Value of Lot \$8,450.00		12. Size of Lot Units 5000 unt
13. Manufacturer/Importer #ELE046 ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMIT 8675 MIRALANI DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92126		14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer SEE REMARKS		15. Dealer/Import Broker #ECF001 E.C. FERRER, CHB 1425 ATLANTIC AVE., SUITE LONG BEACH, CA 90807
16. Supporting documents attached: Invoice No. and Date: <u>917WA3015055</u> <u>8/8/97</u> Date Shipped: _____ Shipping Record and Date: _____ Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: _____				
17. Product Identification: 6 outlet power strip/surge protector contained in a beige colored metal case and packaged in a cardboard box. Molded 3 prong plug is attached to a 6 foot long power cord, which protrudes from metal case.				
18. Reason for collection/analysis needed: <input type="radio"/> FHSA <input checked="" type="radio"/> CPSC <input type="radio"/> FFA <input type="radio"/> PPPA <input type="radio"/> RSA Hazard assessment				
19. Summary of Field Screening: Product judged a potential fire/shock hazard by U.S. Customs Service Import Specialist.				
20. Sample size/Method of Collection: 7 units collected in import status by U.S. Customs Inspector. Units 1-7 identified as in item #21. Units 1-6 officially sealed in 1 plastic bag, placed in a cardboard shipping carton and sent to CCA.				
21. Identification on sample: 98-860-5670 SUBS 1-7 MPK 10/20/97		22. Identification on seal and date: 98-860-5670 Michael Krause 10/20/97		
23a. Sample delivered to: FEDEX		23b Date 10/20/97	24. Report/Record Sent to: FOWR	
25. Laboratory/Office: LSC <input type="checkbox"/> LSE <input type="checkbox"/> CRM <input type="checkbox"/> CCA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
26. Remarks: Item #14 continued - China National Electronics Imp. & Exp. Zhejiang Company, China. Notice of Sample Collection, Entry/Immediate Delivery, Invoice attached to CR provided to FOWR/DAL Sr CO (L).				
27. Related Samples: 98-860-5670 and 5671				
28a Collector's name/title: Michael Krause Investigator		28b Collector's signature/date: <i>Michael P. Krause</i> 10/20/97		
29a Reviewer's name/title:		29b Reviewer's signature/date:		

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Case also houses a lighted on/off rocker switch and reset button. Molded plug is not labeled. Metal case is not label. Power cord is labeled in part: "****16AWG/3C****". Reset button is labeled in full: "****PRESS TO RESET****". Cardboard box packaging is labeled in part: "****ER POWER CORD OUTLETS****MODEL PW-101**** 6FT POWER CORD MAX: 15A 125V 60HZ****HECHO IN CHINA****".

METHOD OF COLLECTION

Unit 7 sent to FOWR/DAL Sr. Compliance Officer.

REMARKS

Blend). Customs officials had dismantled the metal case revealing bare (unsheathed) wiring in direct contact with the metal case, which was believed to be a potential consumer hazard.

PACKAGING STATES
ELECTRICAL PARTS U/L LISTED OR RECOGNIZED.
NO U/L LABELING APPEARS ON THE ITEM ITSELF.

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NOTICE OF SAMPLE COLLECTION ON THE DOCKS

DATE: October 20, 1997

FROM: United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
909 E. Yorba Linda Bl., Ste. H-112
Placentia, CA 92870

TO: Electronic Resources Ltd.
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, CA 92126

SAMPLE NUMBER: 98-860-5670 and 98-860-5671
PRODUCT: Power Strips (4 & 6 outlet)
MODEL NUMBER: PW-101 and PW-102
ENTRY#/DATE: WCJ-0219986-4 dated 10-3-97
INVOICE NUMBER/DATE: 917WA3015055 dated August 1997
IMPORTER OF RECORD: Electronic Resources Ltd.
IMPORTER NUMBER: 33-050375900
PORT OF ENTRY: LA/LB, CA
EXAMINATION SITE: Price Transfer
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: China
CPSC PROGRAM: N/A
CUSTOMS BROKER: Fritz Companies, Inc., Inglewood, CA
CUSTOMS CONTACT (FOR ISET USE): Inspector Costello at Price

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has collected this sample for **assessment**. The merchandise may be detained for up to two weeks pending this action. If you have any questions, contact **Lawrence Blend**, Sr. Compliance Officer, at Tel: 972 231-5023.

Reason for collection.

- ☒ **Consumer Product Safety Act.**
- ☐ **Federal Hazardous Substance Act.**
- ☐ **Flammable Fabrics Act.**
- ☐ **Food, Drug & Cosmetics Act.**

Specifically: 16 CFR: 1115.2(a)(2)

The CPSC sample number should be referred to in all correspondence or inquiries regarding the above sample.

For the Commission:

Mike Krause
Michael Krause, Investigator

DISTRIBUTION:

Original: Importer of Record.
CC: Port Director of Customs.
FOWR, Establishment file.
FOWR, Compliance (LOS)
FOWR, Compliance (ATL)
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICEForm Approved
OMB No. 1515-0069

ENTRY/IMMEDIATE DELIVERY

E.C. FERRER CHB, INC.
4425 ATLANTIC AVE SUITE A 14
LONG BEACH CA 90807-2242
TEL. # (562) 422-6492
FAX # (562) 422-5593

OCT - 6 1997

CST # 737

19 CFR 142.3, 142.16, 142.22, 142.24

*** ABI CERTIFIED ***

1. ARRIVAL DATE 100197		2. ELECTED ENTRY DATE		3. ENTRY TYPE CODE/NAME 01		4. ENTRY NUMBER WCJ-0219986-4	
5. PORT 2704		6. SINGLE TRANS. BOND		7. BROKER/IMPORTER/FILE NUMBER 42048			
		8. CONSIGNEE NUMBER 33-050375900				9. IMPORTER NUMBER SAME	
10. ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE NAME ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LTD 8605 MIRALANI DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92126				11. IMPORTER OF RECORD NAME SAME			
12. CARRIER CODE COSL		13. VOYAGE/FLIGHT/TRIP 109E		14. LOCATION OF GOODS-CODE(S)/NAME(S) W192-PACIFIC CONTAINER(PCT)			
15. VESSEL CODE/NAME TAI HE							
16. U.S. PORT OF UNLADING 2709		17. MANIFEST NUMBER		18. G.O. NUMBER		19. TOTAL VALUE 71140	
20. DESCRIPTION OF MERCHANDISE TRANSFORMERS/ANTENNA/METERS/POWER STRIPS							
21. IT/BL/AWB CODE M COSL	22. IT/BL/AWB NO. 360142328	23. MANIFEST QUANTITY 1053	24. H.S. NUMBER 8536694050	25. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN CN	26. MANUFACTURER ID. CNCHINAT27NIN		
			8529102040	CN	CNCHINAT27NIN		
			9030310000	CN	CNCHINAT27NIN		
			8504407001	CN	CNCHINAT27NIN		

27. CERTIFICATION

28. CUSTOMS USE ONLY

I hereby make application for entry/Immediate delivery. I certify that the above information is accurate, the bond is sufficient, valid, and current, and that all requirements of 19 CFR Part 142 have been met.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PHONE NO.

562-422-6492

DATE

10/03/97

29. BROKER OR OTHER GOVT. AGENCY USE

Exam Sides: W344

FIRMS: W102

CDHU 1180151

☐ OTHER AGENCY ACTION REQUIRED, NAME:

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U.S. Customs
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 DELIVERY
AUTHORIZED:

SIGNATURE

DATE

PARTIAL RELEASE

 HOLD 293 CTNS PW101 & PW102 ON FLOOR
AT PRICE: R. COSTELLO 101797

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CHINA NATIONAL ELECTRONICS IMP. & EXP.
ZHEJIANG COMPANY

To: ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LTD.
8685 MIRALANI DRIVE DIEGO CA92126
U.S.A.
TEL:619 5781200 FAX:619 5465999

Invoice No. 917WA301303H

Contract No. WA3013035

COMMERCIAL INVOICE

L/C No.

TERMS OF PAYMENT: D/P AT SIGHT

Date: Aug. 02, 1992

Shipped per S.S. From SHANGHAI To LOS ANGELES

唛头数量及品名
Marks Quantities and Descriptions

单价 总价
Unit price Amount

PER PC CIF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES

ELECTRONIC ACCESSORIES

1. AA110X(JUN.27 P.O.) TRANSFORMER
PACKED IN 67 CTNS

40,000PCS USD 0.103000 USD 4,120.00

2. AA113(JUN.27 P.O.) TRANSFORMER
PACKED IN 100 CTNS

100,000PCS USD 0.040000 USD 4,000.00

3. AA142(JUN.27 P.O.) SWITCH
PACKED IN 84 CTNS

25,000PCS USD 0.215000 USD 5,375.00

4. AA144(JUN.27 P.O.) SWITCH
PACKED IN 34 CTNS

10,000PCS USD 0.210000 USD 2,100.00

5. AA150(JUN.27 P.O.) CABLE
PACKED IN 200 CTNS

69,900PCS USD 0.190000 USD 13,281.00

6. AN108 W/LABEL RSDC
ANTENNA

25,000PCS USD 0.485000 USD 12,125.00

7. MU119 W/LABEL RSDC
METER

5,000PCS USD 1.850000 USD 9,250.00

8. FW101 W/LABEL RSDC
POWER STRIP

5,000PCS USD 1.690000 USD 8,450.00

9. FW102 W/LABEL RSDC
POWER STRIP

2,000PCS USD 1.565000 USD 3,130.00

PACKED IN 84 CTNS

10. AN108 W/LABEL 1A
ANTENNA

20,000PCS USD 0.485000 USD 9,700.00

PACKED IN 100 CTNS

A. 8536 69 4050
B. 8529 10 2070
C. 9030 31 0000
D. 8564 40 7001

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT**

1. Sample Flag PRIORITY IMPORT SAMPLE		2. Date Collected 10/20/97		3. Sample Type and Number: 98-860-5671 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Physical <input type="radio"/> Documentary	
4a. Product Name POWER STRIP		4b Model PW-102		4c NEISS 0621	
5. Assignment Number		7. MIS 32100		8. Hours Activity <u>3</u> Travel <u>1</u>	
6. Complete for Import Samples Port of Entry: <u>LA/LB</u> Country of Origin: <u>CHINA</u> Entry No. and Date: <u>WCJ-0219986-4 10/3/97</u> Customs Contact: <u>R. COSTELLO AT PRICE</u>		9a Home RO FOWR		9b Collecting RO FOWR	
10. Sample Cost \$0.00		11. Invoice Value of Lot \$3,130.00		12. Size of Lot 2000	
13. Manufacturer/Importer # ELE046 ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMIT 8685 MIRALAN DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92126		14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer SEE REMARKS		15. Dealer/Import Broker # ECF001 E.C. FERRER, CHB 1425 ATLANTIC AVE., SUITE LONG BEACH, CA 90807	
16. Supporting documents attached: Invoice No. and Date: <u>917WA3015055</u> <u>8/8/97</u> Date Shipped: _____ Shipping Record and Date: _____ Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: _____					
17. Product Identification: 4 outlet power strip/surge protector contained in a beige colored metal case and packaged in a cardboard box. Molded 3 prong plug is attached to a 6 foot long power cord, which protrudes from metal case.					
18. Reason for collection/analysis needed: <input type="radio"/> FHSA <input checked="" type="radio"/> CPSA <input type="radio"/> FFA <input type="radio"/> PPPA <input type="radio"/> RSA Hazard assessment					
19. Summary of Field Screening: Product judged a potential fire/shock hazard by U.S. Customs Service Import Specialist.					
20. Sample size/Method of Collection: 7 units collected in import status by U.S. Customs Inspector. Units 1-7 identified as in item #21. Units 1-6 officially sealed in 1 plastic bag, placed in a cardboard shipping carton and sent to CCA.					
21. Identification on sample: 98-860-5671 SUBS 1-7 MPK 10/20/97			22. Identification on seal and date: 98-860-5671 Michael Krause 10/20/97		
23a. Sample delivered to: FEDEX			23b Date 10/20/97		24. Report/Record Sent to: FOWR
25. Laboratory/Office: LSC <input type="checkbox"/> LSE <input type="checkbox"/> CRM <input type="checkbox"/> CCA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____					
26. Remarks: Item #14 continued - China National Electronics Imp. & Exp. Zhejiang Company, China. Notice of Sample Collection, Entry/Immediate Delivery, Invoice attached to CR provided to FOWR/DAL Sr CO (L.					
27. Related Samples: 98-860-5670 and 5671					
28a Collector's name/title: Michael Krause Investigator			28b Collector's signature/date: <i>Michael P. Krause</i> 10/20/97		
29a Reviewer's name/title:			29b Reviewer's signature/date:		

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Case also houses a lighted on/off rocker switch and reset button. Molded plug is not labeled. Metal case is not label. Power cord is labeled in part: "****16AWG/3C****". Reset button is labeled in full: "****PRESS TO RESET****". Cardboard box packaging is labeled in part: "****ER POWER CORD OUTLETS****MODEL PW-102**** 6FT POWER CORD MAX: 15A 125V 60HZ****HECHO IN CHINA****".

METHOD OF COLLECTION

Unit 7 sent to FOWR/DAL Sr. Compliance Officer.

REMARKS

Blend). Customs officials had dismantled the metal case revealing bare (unsheathed) wiring in direct contact with the metal case, which was believed to be a potential consumer hazard. PACKAGING STATES ALL ELECTRICAL PARTS U/L LISTED OR RECOGNIZED. NO U/L LABELING APPEARS ON THE ITEM ITSELF.

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Author: Michael P. Kraus at cpssc-hq1
Date: 10/20/97 4:04 PM
Priority: Normal
Receipt Requested

TO: /c=us/a=attmail/o=attmail/dt=id/dv=internet!heckms19.customs.sprint.com!driggers at CF SC-X400

CC: Pamela C. Major at CPSC-HQ2, Larry S. Blend at cpssc-hq1, Keven J. Barton at cpssc-hq1
Subject: Notice of Sample Collection on the Docks

Sample #'s 98-860-5670/5671 (priority imports) were shipped today for hazard assessment.

We got too many subs this time, sorry. There was some confusion.

Keven -

For your review

Sandra Driggers (USCS)-

Lori picked up copies of the documents from Bruce, who will be your contact at T.I. Inspector Costello said this shipment was detained because the boxes indicate that electrical parts are U/L listed or recognized. No U/L labeling is present on the power strip units themselves. Bruce apparently dismantled one and found unsheathed (bare) wires in contact with the metal case. He thought we should assess.

mike krause/LOS

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NOTICE OF SAMPLE COLLECTION ON THE DOCKS

DATE: October 20, 1997

FROM: United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
909 E. Yorba Linda Bl., Ste. H-112
Placentia, CA 92870

TO: Electronic Resources Ltd.
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, CA 92126

SAMPLE NUMBER: 98-860-5670 and 98-860-5671
PRODUCT: Power Strips (4 & 6 outlet)
MODEL NUMBER: PW-101 and PW-102
ENTRY#/DATE: WCJ-0219986-4 dated 10-3-97
INVOICE NUMBER/DATE: 917WA3015055 dated August 1997
IMPORTER OF RECORD: Electronic Resources Ltd.
IMPORTER NUMBER: 33-050375900
PORT OF ENTRY: LA/LB, CA
EXAMINATION SITE: Price Transfer
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: China
CPSC PROGRAM: N/A
CUSTOMS BROKER: Fritz Companies, Inc., Inglewood, CA
CUSTOMS CONTACT (FOR ISET USE): Inspector Costello at Price

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has collected this sample for **assessment**. The merchandise may be detained for up to two weeks pending this action. If you have any questions, contact **Lawrence Blend**, Sr. Compliance Officer, at Tel: 972 231-5023.

Reason for collection.

- ☒ Consumer Product Safety Act.
- ☐ Federal Hazardous Substance Act.
- ☐ Flammable Fabrics Act.
- ☐ Food, Drug & Cosmetics Act.

Specifically: 16 CFR: 1115.2(a)(2)

The CPSC sample number should be referred to in all correspondence or inquiries regarding the above sample.

For the Commission:

Michael Krause, Investigator

DISTRIBUTION:

Original: Importer of Record.
CC: Port Director of Customs.
FOWR, Establishment file.
FOWR, Compliance (LOS)



FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Data Sheet for Surge Protectors/Power Strips Models W-101 and PW-102 (rated @ 15A , 125V, 60Hz)		PSA: 0078.98	
		Samples: 98-860-5670 and 98-860-5671	
		Firm: Electronic Resources Ltd.	
		C.O. Larry Blend	
UL 1363	POINTS OF INTEREST	FAIL	PASS
Para 10.1.3 General	The minimum conductor size of the power-supply cord shall be 14 AWG for 15 A rating (<i>All three conductors of the Line cord measured the equivalent of 20 AWG. This is about 25% the cross-sectional area of a 14 AWG wire.</i>)	FAIL	
Para 11 Strain Relief Para 30.2	Strain relief ... so that a mechanical stress on a power-supply cord is not transmitted to terminals, splices, or interior wiring. The power-supply cord is to withstand a direct pull of 35 lbf (158N) applied to the cord for 1 minute.		PASS
Para 16.7 Internal Wiring	The wiring must be mechanically secure. (<i>About 50% of soldered connections cold soldered, internal solid wiring 18 AWG, tack soldering used.</i>)	FAIL	
Para 17 Spacing	The spacing of a relocatable power tap shall comply with the requirements of Table 17.1		P A S S

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Para 20.1 Grounding	A metallic enclosure and other dead metal parts ... shall be conductively connected the grounding conductor of the power supply. 20.1.6 The yoke or faceplate mounting screws ... shall not be used to provide or maintain the grounding.... <i>(Yoke and front screws are used to make ground connection.)</i>	FAIL	
Label on Packaging Box: Rating 15A, 125V, 60Hz (1875 Watts)			
Markings on Products: NONE			
Comments: This product uses poor construction techniques and undersized wiring and is not able to insure a good ground connection to products connected to it.			
Conclusion: The poor grounding creates a potential electrocution hazard and the undersized wiring creates a potential fire hazard when used with high wattage appliances.			
Signatures: <i>[Prepared by:]</i> Ronald T. Reichel, Electronics Technician, LSE Tel: 301-413-0189 <i>[Reviewed by:]</i> Robert Garrett, Director LSEL		Date: 11/25/97 Tel: 301-413-0155	

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****FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****				PSA ACTION (FOR PSA USE ONLY)													
PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSA) TECHNICAL EVALUATION REQUEST				Request number: 0078.98													
Requested by: <u>Larry S. Blend</u>		Org. Code: _____		Date Processed: <u>10/29/97</u>													
Date Submitted: <u>10/21/97</u>		Priority: <u>b</u>		Date Requested: <u>11/26/97</u>													
		Case #: <u>XXXX</u>		Due Date: _____													
PRODUCT INFORMATION				Assigned to:													
Manufacturer: <u>Electronic Resources Limited (Importer)</u>		City: <u>San Diego</u>		Organization: <u>LE</u>													
Product: <u>Power Cord</u>		NEISS Code: <u>0621</u>		Technical Off. _____													
Brand name, model, etc. <u>"ER***6 ft.***HECHO IN CHINA***"</u>				Request Summary:													
Sample number: <u>98-860-5670 (Model PW-101) & 98-860-5671 (Model PW-102)</u>				Evaluate for fire/shock hazards.													
Sample Disposition <u>Return to Requestor</u> <u>Store at Whse</u> <u>Other:</u>																	
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EVALUATION REQUESTED: Determine if Power Cords presents fire and/or shock hazards. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customs believes they are hazardous and possibly counterfeit UL listed items.																	
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11/26: James Broadly says these are bad. He results will be sent to me ASAP.

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U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE

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November 18, 1998

Issac Berlin, General Manager
Electronics Resources, Ltd.
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92126-4354

RE: Case Nr: FW98-0006
Electronics Resources, Ltd.
Power Strips, models PW101 & PW102, made in China

Dear Mr. Berlin:

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission staff has reviewed the progress of the above-referenced corrective action plan. The Office of Compliance and the Western Regional Office have determined that no further monitoring on the part of the Commission is warranted.

Therefore, acting under delegation from the Commission, the staff has closed this Corrective Action Plan. The Commission staff, however, will reopen this file if it finds that the public has not been adequately protected from the risk of injury presented by this product by the corrective actions taken by the firm.

Your firm has a continuing obligation to inform the Commission of defects associated with this product which could create a substantial product hazard. If you receive any information affecting the scope, prevalence, or seriousness of the defect or hazard, you must report to this office.

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Electronics Resources, Ltd.
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We request that Electronics Resources, Ltd. continue to implement its corrective action program until as many products as possible have been removed from the marketplace. If you receive information which might indicate that your corrective actions are not satisfactory in eliminating the defect or hazard or that the effectiveness of the corrective action program was less than what had been reported, please supply that information to this office.

Section 6(b)(1) requires the Commission to give notice thirty days in advance of the intended disclosure of information that identifies the manufacturer or private labeler of a product. The staff is enclosing a summary of the corrective action plan. The Commission publishes a list of product recalls and other corrective actions initiated by firms in an Annual Report to Congress. This information is also occasionally used in lists for specific product categories. This letter gives you your opportunity under section 6(b)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(1), and 16 C.F.R. Part 1101, to comment on the accuracy of the information.

The staff has made every effort to assure that the enclosed information is accurate. If, however, you believe that the information is not accurate, please send comments to Ms. Judith Hayes, Compliance Officer, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance, Washington, D.C. 20207. Your comments must be received within twenty-three calendar days of your receipt of this letter if they are to be considered. Please include with your comments specific information to support your claim that the information is not accurate. If the Commission decides to disclose the information, unchanged, over your accuracy objections, it will give you ten (10) working days notice, as required by section 6(b)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. (2055(b)(2)).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Lawrence S. Blend
Compliance Officer
1708 Arvada Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081-2132
972-231-5023 (voice)
972-231-5317 (fax)
E-mail address: lblend@cpsc.gov

Cc: Enclosure

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**Voluntary Corrective Action Plans Under Section
15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act and
Section 15 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act**

The following is a list of voluntary corrective action plans recently accepted by the Commission (or the staff acting under authority delegated by the Commission). A firm's taking corrective action does not constitute admission by the firm that a substantial product hazard exists.

Space does not permit the staff to give a complete list of the specific model numbers of the products involved in each of these corrective actions. Consumers who believe that they have a product affected by one of these actions should follow the instructions given in this list or contact either the manufacturer or the Commission to determine if their product is one of those affected.

Company Name and Address

Electronics Resources, Ltd.
8885 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92128-4354

Product and Problem

Power strips, 6 outlet, model PW-101
Power strips, 4 outlets, model PW-102
made in China

The power strips present fire and electric shock hazards.

Corrective Action

Consumers are requested to return units to the store where purchased or Electronics Resources, Ltd. for a full refund.

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bcc: Larry Cornell
Larry Blend
CE Field Coordinator
Keven Barton
Establishment file
Frank Nava
Judith Hayes

bcc Footnote: CAP close form signed on 11/17/98. Please note that a signed CAP accept form has never been received by this writer.

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, LTD.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
1708 Arvada Drive
Richardson, TX 75081-2132

Date : 11/04/98

Re: FW98-0006

Attention: Mr. Lawrence S. Blend

Dear Mr. Blend

Regarding the recall of the power strips model "PW101" and "PW102" we have received a total of 37 units returned to us, which we have destroyed.

We now consider this recall as terminated as we have not received any more calls or units for the past two months.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours

Isaac Berlin
Electronic Resources
General Manager

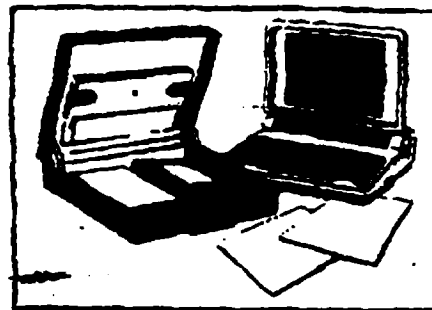
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out of 4,72

2500 were
destroyed in this
country

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
1708 Arvada Drive
RICHARDSON, TEXAS 75081-2132



Telephone: (972) 231-5023
Fax: (972) 231-5317
E-mail: lblend@cpsc.gov

From: Lawrence S. Blend (Compliance Officer)

Date: 10/2/98

Subject: FoI Request 5806122

Comments: See attached

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMITTAL, PLEASE
CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

NUMBER OF PAGES TRANSMITTED: 1 + COVER

TO: Todd Stevenson

TITLE: Deputy Secretary / FoI officer

OFFICE: Office of the Secretary

FAX NUMBER: 301-504-0127

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUMU.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

Date: September 16, 1998

TO : Frank J. Nava, Regional Director
Western Regional Center - FOWRFROM: Todd A. Stevenson, Deputy Secretary/FOI Officer
Office of the SecretarySUBJECT: FOIA Request S806122 Lynch / Cozen O'Connor / Electronic Resources of San
Diego electric surge suppressors, FW980006

Please search your files for records responsive to the attached FOIA request and return to OSFOI (Room 502) within five (5) working days of the date of this memo. Respond by facsimile if appropriate. If you have any questions, contact us by letter, facsimile (301) 504-0127 or telephone (301) 504-0785.

If you wish to withhold any records, we need either descriptions of the records or copies of the records with the portions to be withheld identified, and in either case, an explanation of the reasons for withholding. If we decide to withhold the records, we will apply the appropriate FOIA Exemptions and provide the required descriptions and explanations to the requester.

Please indicate below the results of your records search.

_____ NO RECORDS located responsive to the request.

_____ Materials being returned to OSFOI as requested.

File search performed by: LS Blend DATE: 10/1/98

Clerical search time: _____

Professional search time: 1

ATTACHMENT(s):

cc: AED Field Operations

Todd: I have the file on this matter which includes memos, Establishment inspection reports, lab reports, sample collection reports, etc. The firm is in the middle of a Correction Action Plan & the file is still open.

Larry Blend 10/2/98

SEP-16-1998 15:37

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June 22, 1998

Freedom of Information Act Request
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Consumer Products Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

CERTIFIED MAIL-
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Supreme Products, Inc.
Freedom of Information Act Request
Our File No.: 56835

To The Secretary:

Pursuant to 5 U.S. Code §552(a)(3) and 16 C.F.R. §1015.3, I, Peter A. Lynch, of the law offices of COZEN & O'CONNOR, 501 West Broadway, Suite 1610, San Diego, California 92101, for myself and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, hereby request one copy of the following records of the C.P.S.C.: att/

(1) All records of any kind that refer, relate to or concern electric surge suppressors distributed by Electronic Resources Ltd. of San Diego which was subject to recall noted as release No. 98-117. 4061
4062 E/C
ER/s

I am amenable to paying the cost for the standard document search and duplication. Please advise of the cost and the fee will be forwarded. Please mail a copy of the requested documents to me at COZEN & O'CONNOR, 501 West Broadway, Suite 1610, San Diego, California 92101. D-3

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My telephone number is 1-800-782-3366, fax number (619) 234-7831, and e-mail at plynch@cozen.com. I remain,

Very truly yours,

COZEN AND O'CONNOR

BY: PETER A. LYNCH

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Author: Larry S. Blend at cpssc-hq1
Date: 8/18/98 8:47 AM
Priority: Urgent
Receipt Requested
TO: CE Field Coordinator at CPSC-HQ2
CC: Larry G. Cornell at cpssc-hq1
Subject: FW98-0006: Electronics Resources Ltd.

Marc: Your recent request to me that I should begin to update the section 15 data base previously done by headquarters led me to the discovery that I did not submit for formal approval the firm's CAP. Attached is the appropriate form. Please sign and return ASAP.

As you know the CAP is in process. A press release has been issued and we have already done some REC's.

Once I get your signed form, I shall issue the firm the CAP accept letter.

Please accept my apology for this oversight.

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Office of Compliance

Firm Name: Electronic Resources Limited

File Number: FW98-0006

Product: Power strips, models PW-101 & PW-102

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Yes

A. Notice: Yes

Event:

Date:

☒ X press release

6/2/98

☒ X direct mail to retail stores

5/18/98

☒ X point of purchase signs

5/18/98

☐ advertising (describe)

☐ other:

B. Repair, replacement, refund: Yes

☐ repair approved by technical support

☐ replacement with another product

☒ X refund

C. Procedures: Yes

☒ X Distribution chain recall

☐ mfr/importer level

☒ X wholesaler/distributor level

☒ X retailer level

☒ X consumer level

☐ Mail in to firm

☒ X Return to retailer

☐ repair or replace

☐ Home visit ☐ At dealer ☐ At Retailer

☐ Home repair by consumer

☒ X Toll-free line

☐ Other (describe):

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Firm Name: Electronic Resources Limited
File Number: FW98-0006

D. Effectiveness:

Total Products Involved: 5,000 Corrected:

At Manufacturer: 0 Corrected:

At Distributors: ? Corrected:

At Retailers: ? Corrected:

With Consumers: ? Corrected:

E. Decision on corrective action:

☒ Accept CAP and Monitor

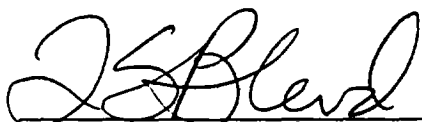
☐ No Preliminary Determination Case

☐ Accept CAP and Close File (provide rationale)

☐ Pursue further remedial action (provide rationale)

☐ Refer to CAL

APPROVALS:



8/18/98

Lawrence S. Blend, Compliance Officer-FOWR

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE:

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Author: Larry S. Blend at cpsc-hq1
Date: 6/1/98 11:32 AM
Priority: Normal
Receipt Requested
TO: Jane Francis at cpsc-hq1
CC: Larry G. Cornell at cpsc-hq1
Subject: Electronics Resources pr

Jane: I just spoke with Isacc Berlin of the firm and everything according to him is ready for the press release tomorrow. Although I got a busy signal when I called the 800 number earlier, he responded that it is up and running as it used by their customers to make orders all the time. Mr. Berlin said that his phone people will refer a call to him if the recall is mentioned.

I shall try and confirm before cob.

1-800-795-0050

- 11 2:20 PM I called & pushed in for San Diego office. Gentlemen who answered the phone said he was busy on recall & will check w/ Isacc Berlin to make sure everything is ok.
- 6/2. I talked to Rod the OD who says they are ready & will make sure these Florida office can handle any calls.

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Jane: I have talked with Isacc Berlin of the firm today and a release date of Tuesday, June 2, 1998 is fine. He also confirmed that the recall mailings were done yesterday so that his customers in the next two weeks should receive the notice and be able to post the signs in time for the 6/2/98 release date.

Mr. Berlin has only found 3 to 4 units. He has agreed to send those units to you in the next day or so for publicity purposes. If he gets anymore in the meantime, he will send those to you up to a dozen.

I am on leave from 5/20/98 to 5/26/98.

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News from CPSC

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20207

For Immediate Release
,1998
Release # 98-

Contact:
(301) 504-0580 Ext.

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GRAPHIC

Small electronic parts stores in Arizona, California, Texas and Washington sold the power strips from May 1993 through March 1998 for about \$4.

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Author: Larry S. Blend at cpsc-nq1
Date: 5/17/98 3:09 PM
Priority: Normal
Receipt Requested
TO: Jane Francis at cpsc-hq1
CC: Larry G. Cornell at cpsc-hq1
Subject: Electronic Resources: FW98-0006

Electronic Resources completed its review of the initial draft and supplied the requested missing information. The draft pr is now ready for final clearance. Please process and get back to me with a final, approved draft.

Meanwhile, I shall find out on Monday 5/18/98 if the CAP has begun and how the firm's search for publicity units is coming along. We should then be in a position to determine a release date.

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EXCE NEWS RELEASE REVIEW/CLEARANCE

DATE: May 18, 1998

SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Electronic Resources Power Strip Surge Protectors

PROPOSED RELEASE DATE: 5/24/98

RECALL PRIORITY CLASS: B

SECTION 15 RECALL: ☒

CIVIL PENALTY SETTLEMENT: ☐

For additional information contact:

LARRY Blend, FOWR or MAC Schrem v 1365

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

5,000 power strip surge protectors - undersized wiring - per Grounding

☒ The exact text of the proposed release has been negotiated with the firm. Any changes must be conveyed to EXCE for possible renegotiation with this firm.

Fire on
Shack
hazard

Products available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Photos available? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Clearance Office	Signature	Approve	Disapprove	Date	6(b)6
Comp. Officer/Atty	<i>[Signature]</i>	x		5/18/98	<i>[Signature]</i>
CE Dvsn. Director	<i>[Signature]</i>	x			
EXCE	<i>[Signature]</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		5/18/98	<i>[Signature]</i>
EXHR					
EXPA					
OGC					
OEX					

OGC and OEX should each return this form and the attached release to EXPA after it has been reviewed and initialed/signed. The 6(b)6 column indicates clearance is in accordance with CPSC Directive 1450.2 concerning whether the information is accurate and not misleading.

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5/18: Jane says we people need to sign off then just compliance. She will let us know when it is all clear. She said 6/2 or 3/98 would be a good release date.

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, LTD.®

8685 MIRALANI DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92126

PHONE: 619.578.3200 FAX: 619.546.5999

Web Site: erusa.com

**ATTN: LAWRENCE S. BLEND
RE: DRAFT RELEASE**

DATE: 05/15/98

- **TYPE OF STORES**
 - **A) ELECTRONIC PARTS HOUSES. RETAIL**
- **MONTH + YEAR**
 - **A) MAY 1993**
- **COST**
 - **A) APPROXIMATED 3.99**
- **SOLD NATIONWIDE**
 - **A) SOLD IN PRIMARILY IN 4 STATES**
 - 1) **CALIFORNIA**
 - 2) **TEXAS**
 - 3) **WASHINGTON**
 - 4) **ARIZONA**
- **HOURS OF OPERATION ON 800 NUMBER**
 - **A) 8:00 A.M TO 5:00 P.M.**

BEST REGARDS,

ISACC BERLIN

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On 5/15/98, the firm verbally reported that the 4 outlet unit hadn't been imported or distributed for a bout 3 years now.

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GRAPHIC
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FROM: ISAAC BERLIN

DATE: 05/11/98

TO: C.P.S.C.

600 HARRISON ST. # 245

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94107

RE: FW98-0006

ATTENTION: MR. LAWRENCE S. BLEND

DEAR MR. BLEND;

ENCLONSE PLEASE FIND LIST OF CUSTOMERS THAT YOU REQUESTED,
ALSO COPY OF POINT OF PURCHASE POSTER AND DIRECT NOTICE WITH
THE CHANGES YOU REQUESTED.

WE ARE IN PROCESS OF OBTANING A DOZEN UNITS THAT YOU
REQUESTED, AS WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE LOT
UNDER CUSTOMS CONTROL.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ISAAC BERLIN', written over a horizontal line.

ISAAC BERLIN

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8685 MIRALANI DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92126

PHONE: 619.578.3200 FAX: 619.546.5999

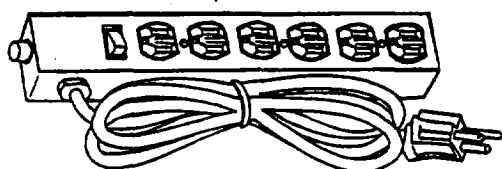
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WARNING!

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Product: PW101/PW102

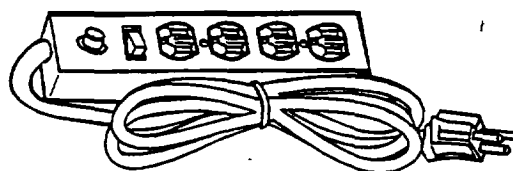
Description: Power strips 4 and 6 outlet



PW-101

6 OUTLET POWER STRIP

With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord



PW-102

4 OUTLET POWER STRIP

With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord

If you have purchased the above power strips please discontinue use and return to place of purchase or return to **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMITED** for full refund. These products present electric shock and fire hazard.

Questions: 1-800-795-0050

Mail to: Electronic Resources Ltd.

Attn. Receiving Department

8685 Miralani Drive, San Diego, CA 92126

Post until September 30, 1998

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ATTENTION

SAFETY PRODUCT

RECALL

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has notified us that there exists a substantial product hazard in regards to our product PW101 and PW101, 4 and 6 outlet power strips. The product poses electric shock and fire hazard to consumers. In response to this notification we are hereby issuing a recall on this product. If you have any of these in stock, please return them to us for full credit plus shipping.

Please notify any of your customers that have purchased same to return the product to us, or to you! for full refund of purchase price. We shall also issue a full credit for those units that are returned to you from consumers.

We are enclosing a poster indicating the recall for you to post in your establishment for at least 120 days.

We thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely Yours,

Electronic Resources Ltd.

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Item Sales by Customer

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES OF SAN DIEGO

Item: No. PW101

Returns are not included in Sales Quantities.

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5/13: Billen says 102 hasnd been
sold for 364 years, but some customers

Customer No.	Name	Unit of Measure: each	Invoiced Quantity	Amount	Discount Amount	Profit	Profit %
PW101	6 Outlet Power Center						
1013	ALL ELECTRONICS CORPORAT		338.00	751.34	0.00	193.64	25.8
1139	AUDIOWOOD PRODUCTS		552.00	1,048.80	0.00	138.00	13.2
1262	JAVIER LOPEZ LOPEZ		20.00	48.00	0.00	15.00	31.3
1284	A-1 ELECTRONICS		12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
1338	ACCESSORIES CLUB		7.00	16.80	0.00	5.25	31.3
1752	AMMEX INDUSTRIAL		12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
2012	B & S ELECTRONICS*		12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
2109	US ULTIMATE CONSIGNMENT		18.00	43.20	0.00	13.50	31.3
3029	CARLOS ARCE H.		1.00	2.40	0.00	0.75	31.3
3077	COMPUTER CORNER/RADIO S		12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
3083	Cut Rate		20.00	59.95	0.00	26.95	45.0
3139	TIMBERLINE TELECOM		5.00	12.50	0.00	4.25	34.0
3196	COMTEC-JAIME F. ORTIZ		20.00	49.20	0.00	16.20	32.9
3225	CIT		5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
3574	SOUND SOLUTIONS		20.00	50.00	0.00	17.00	34.0
4166	DORIAN'S TIJUANA, S.A. DE C.V		400.00	919.00	0.00	259.01	28.2
5004	Electronica Tijuana		20.00	71.00	0.00	38.00	53.5
5009	OMAR SANCHEZ		2.00	5.00	0.00	1.70	34.0
5014	ELECTRONICA CENTRAL		5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
5021	ELECTRONICA REMBERG S.A D		9,096.00	16,679.81	0.00	1,671.42	10.0
5066	ER OF MIAMI, LTD		941.00	1,789.44	0.00	236.79	13.2
5118	ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTING		2.00	4.80	0.00	1.50	31.3
5132	ENERDYNE TECH INC.		4.00	10.40	0.00	3.80	36.5
5141	ELECTRONICA BAJA de ENSEN		64.00	153.60	0.00	48.00	31.3
5271	ELITE MUSIC DIST.		27.00	76.36	0.00	31.81	41.7
6002	Factory Stereo		8.00	28.40	0.00	15.20	53.5
6072	F & D ENTERPRISES		6.00	14.40	0.00	4.50	31.3
6091	F&M ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, INC		84.00	201.60	0.00	63.00	31.3
7006	MORE ELECTRONICS & AUTO		12.00	27.57	0.00	7.77	28.2
7016	GUNTER WHOLESALE CO		5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
8012	HERNANDEZ TV		2.00	9.40	0.00	6.10	64.9
8075	THE HARGIS CO., INC.		100.00	240.00	0.00	75.00	31.3
8129	HOWARD'S TV & APPLIANCE		6.00	14.40	0.00	4.50	31.3
8301	JV ELECTRONICS/JESUS VELA		15.00	33.95	0.00	9.20	27.1
9003	INDUSTRIAL LIQUIDATORS		772.00	1,732.80	0.00	459.00	26.5
9025	IMAGE HOSPITALITY CONS.		20.00	48.00	0.00	15.00	31.3
10065	JAMICO ELECTRONICA S.A.		3.00	5.97	0.00	1.02	17.1
10073	TV JACKS		60.00	144.00	0.00	45.00	31.3
12044	LBJ ELECTRONICS*		48.00	115.20	0.00	36.00	31.3
12100	LIBERTY ELECTRONICS		5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
12110	LEE'S WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT		48.00	105.36	0.00	28.16	24.8
13028	ELECTRO IMPORTADORA ADR		504.00	957.60	0.00	128.00	13.2
13136	CORPORACION MEXBUSA		816.00	1,876.80	0.00	530.40	28.3
13140	MANUEL CRUCES		5.00	9.95	0.00	1.70	17.1
13302	ROGER BOLIO CAMARA		6.00	13.99	0.00	4.09	29.2

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13338	MORRISON ENG	22.00	53.00	0.00	16.70	31.5
15089	SOUNDTEK MUSIC	54.00	135.00	0.00	45.90	34.0
17043	JOYCE PEREZ	115.00	287.50	0.00	97.75	34.0
17114	PARAISO MUSICAL	12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
19008	RADIO SHOP	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.50	31.3
19147	ROSALES T.V.	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.50	31.3
19214	RTA INTERNATIONAL INC	50.00	308.00	0.00	225.50	73.2
20047	TRI COUNTY CONSULTANTS	10.00	24.00	0.00	7.50	31.3
20187	SON THANH O	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.50	31.3
20199	SOUND ELECTRONICS	5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
20234	AUDIO VIDEO COMPUTER SOU	17.00	40.80	0.00	12.75	31.3
20258	SUPER ELECTRONICS II	24.00	57.60	0.00	18.00	31.3
20708	CAR STEREO	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.50	31.3
21026	TRINITY TELCOM, INC.	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.50	31.3
21209	12 VOLT POWER SYSTEMS	1.00	2.50	0.00	0.85	34.0
21480	BEAVERS BAND BOX	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.50	31.3
22050	KONEXX	16.00	38.40	0.00	12.00	31.3
24035	Ventura TV Video Center	10.00	24.00	0.00	7.50	31.3
24449	AGOURA MUSIC	12.00	36.00	0.00	18.20	47.9
26006	ZION ELECTRONICS	48.00	105.36	0.00	26.16	24.8
30026	California Pacific Comm.*	10.00	24.00	0.00	7.50	31.3
Total for Item No.: PW101.		14,566.00	28,761.15	0.00	4,727.27	16.4

Report Total. 28,761.15 0.00 4,727.27 16.4

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1013 ALL ELECTRONICS
VAN NUYS CALIF.

1139 AUDIOWOOD PRODUCTS
FULLERTON, CALIF.

1284 AI ELECTRONICS
HOUSTON, TEXAS

1338 ACCESSORIES CLUB
SHERMAN OAKS CALIF.

1752 AMMEX INDUSTRIAL
CHULA VISTA, CALIF

2012 B+S ELECTRONICS
SIERRA VISTA ARIZONA

2109 US ULTIMATE CONSIGNMENT
HUNTINGTON PARK CALIF.

3077 COMPUTER CORNER
SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

3083 CUT RATE
FRESNO CALIF.

3139 TIMBERLINE TELECOM

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SAN DIEGO CALIF

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SOUND SOLUTIONS

BEAINE, WA

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ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTING

BELLINGHAM WA

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ENERDYNE TECH

SANTER CALIF.

5271

ELITE MUSIC

CHULA VISTA CALIF.

6002

FACTORY STEREO

CHULA VISTA CALIF.

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F&D ENT.

YUMA, ARIZONA

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F&M ELECTRONIC SUPPLY

ABILENE TEXAS

7006

MORE ELECTRONICS

BRAUNSVILLE, TEXAS

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GUNTER WHOLESACE

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8012 HERNANDEZ TV
SAN YSIDRO CALIF.

8075 THE HARGIS CO
TUACO, TEXAS

8129 HOWARD'S T.V.
EL MONTE CALIF.

8301 JV ELECTRONICS
SAN DIEGO CALIF.

9003 INDUSTRIAL LIQUIDATORS
SAN MARCOS, CALIF.

9025 IMAGE HOSPITALITY
SAN DIEGO CALIF.

10073 TV JACKS
IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

12044 LBT ELECTRONICS
PORT HUENEME, CALIF.

12100 LIBERTY ELECTRONICS
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

12110 LEE'S WAREHOUSE

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13338 MORRISON ENG.
CORONADO, CALIF.

15089 SOUNDTEK MUSIC
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

17043 JOYCE PEREZ
SAN DIEGO CALIF.

17114 PARAISO MUSICAL
EL PASO, TEXAS

19008 RADIO SHOP
NOGALLES, ARIZONA

19214 RTA INTL.
CHULA VISTA, CALIF

20047 TRI COUNTY CONSULTANTS
RIVERSIDE CALIF.

20187 SON THANH O
SAN DIEGO CALIF.

20199 SOUND ELECTRONICS
NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.

20234 AUDIO VIDEO COMPUTER

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20256 SUPER ELECTRONICS
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.

20706 CAR STEREO
ONTARIO CALIF.

21026 TRINITY TELCON
SAN DIEGO CALIF.

21209 12 VOLT POWER
RANCHO MURETTA, CALIF.

21480 BEAVERS BAND BOX
TUCSON, ARIZONA

22050 KONGEX
SAN DIEGO CALIF.

24035 VENTURA VIDEO
FRESNO CALIF.

24449 AGOURA MUSIC
AGOURA HILLS, CALIF.

26006 ZION ELECTRONICS
CALIXICO CALIF.

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response:

Author: Larry S. Blend at cpsc-hq1
Date: 5/12/98 4:31 PM
Priority: Normal
Receipt Requested
TO: Jane Francis at cpsc-hq1
CC: Larry G. Cornell at cpsc-hq1
Subject: Draft Press Release:FW98-0006

Jane: Responding to your draft I have revised the attached further and made the additions you wanted if I could. I also verified the hazards listed and the cords on both models are each 6 ft. long. The rest of the information you wanted will have to be filled in by the firm when it goes to them.

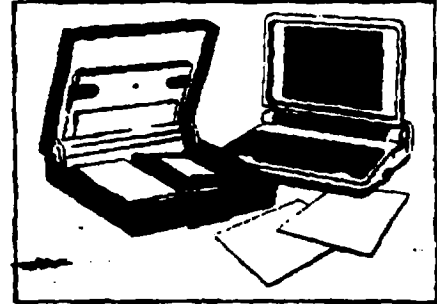
Please review and return a draft I may send to the firm.

Thanks!

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1708 Arvada Drive
RICHARDSON, TEXAS 75081-2132
(DALLAS SATELLITE OFFICE)



Telephone: (972) 231-5023
Fax: (972) 231-5317

From: Lawrence S. Blend (Compliance Officer)

Date: 5/7/98

Subject: FW98-0006 - Power Strip.

Comments: Drawing - per your request. I suggest one of the following as the samples: Sample Custodian, Engineer Ron Beichel, Pam Major, Carlos Cruz or Marc Schorn.

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMITTAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

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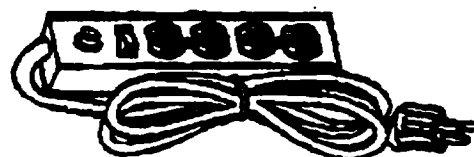
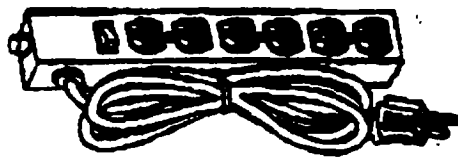
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Description: Power strips 4 and 6 outlet



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